WINTERTHUR

February 1, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Donald Taxay of the Chase Manhattan Money Museum tells us that questions put to you on colonial currency will be questions put to the right person.

The enclosed is a copy of a double sheet recently acquired by the Museum. Can you tell us why this 1779 printing by Hall and Sellers does not appear in the chronological listing in Wayte Raymond, Inc., Standard Paper Money Catalogue? Where can we learn about American early efforts to combat counterfeiting? Is this issue with its blue threads and bits of mica an early effort, or the first effort of its kind? Who first thought of the method?

Whatever you can tell us about the method of printing the leaves, the designer of the bills, the reason for publishing a series with one, two, three, four, five, seven, eight, twenty dollars; then a series with one, two, three, four, five, seventy, eighty, twenty dollars, will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Louise C. Belden

(Mrs. Gail Belden)
Assistant Curator

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Enclosure

February 8, 1966

Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

Attention: Mrs.Belden

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 1, 1966 inquiring about your double sheet of Continental Currency dated January 14, 1779.

The Standard Paper Money Catalog did not list in a separate section the dates of the various issues of Continental Currency because all of them are included in some detail in the section relating thereto. The 1779 issue is on page 44.

You asked where you could learn about early American efforts to combat counterfeiting and there will be a chapter on this subject in our forthcoming book on early American Currency. In the meantime, however, I am sending you an article on counterfeiting of Continental Currency which I wrote a number of years ago.

You inquired as to whether the blue threads and mica was an early effort or the first effort of its kind. This paper was used on Pennsylvania currency just before the Revolution and was made at the Ivy Mills.

You also asked about the method of printing the leaves. I am enclosing herewith an article written on that subject.

As to the designer of the bills, I suggest that you wait for my forthcoming book which will give you details as to the emblems, mottoes, etc.

To clear up the problem as to denominations, I am sending you a photocopy of the manuscript of my forthcoming book which shows that there are many other denominations in the 1779 issue and the $70 and $80 denominations were substituted at the last minute for the $7 and $8 denominations.

Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

We hope we have been helpful to you and if you need further details do not hesitate to call upon us.

Incidentally, I would appreciate knowing what early American money you have in your collection; by early American I mean prior to the ratification of the Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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WINTERTHUR

February 11, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much indeed for your prompt and full reply to our questions.

The Joseph Downs Manuscript and Microfilm Collection at Winterthur Museum has some 486 pieces of colonial paper money assembled by Mr. Arthur Dobbs. In addition it has about 24 pieces collected by Mr. Henry F. du Pont. For lack of a proper catalogue, I enclose the notes made by Mr. Dobbs sketching the content of his collection.

We are studying the booklets you so kindly sent us and are looking forward to the publication of your book on early American currency.

Very sincerely yours,

Gail C. Belden

(Mrs. Gail Belden)
Assistant Curator

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ox7.1 80.00	14 Jan.	1779 ✓	N+S
7.2 65.00	"	1779 ✓	N+S
7.3 60.00	26 Sept	1778 ✓	N+S
7.4 60.00	"	1778 Phila ✓	N+S
7.5 50.00	"	1778 Phila ✓	N+S
7.6 50.00		1778 Phila ✓	N+S
7.7 40.00	"	1778 Phila ✓	N+S
7.8 40.00		1778 Phila ✓	N+S

✓35.00	14 Jan	1779	✓ Hall + Sellers
✓30.00	22 Jul	1776 Phila ✓	N+S
✓30.00	26 Feb	1777 Baltimore ✓	Hall + Sellers
✓30.00	26 Sep.	1778 Phila ✓	Hall + Sellers
✓20.00	1 c Jan	1779 ~~Phila(?)~~ ✓	Hall + Sellers
✓ 20.00	26 Sep	1778 Phila ✓	N+S
8.00	10 May	1775 Phila ✓	N+S
8.00	26 Feb	1777 Baltimore ✓	N+S

8.00	29 Nov.	1775 Phila.	
8.00		1775 Phila	
8.00	9 May	1776 Phila	
8.00		1776 Phila	
7.00	20 May	1777 Phila	
7.00		1777 Phila.	

8.00	26 Sep	1778	Phila
8 00	"	"	"
7.00	10 May	1775	"
7.00	11 July	1776	"
7.00	26 Sep.	1778	"
6.00	17 Feb.	1776	"
6.00	9 May	1776	"
6.00	26 Feb	1777	"

10.00

7.00	9 May	1776	Phila	
7.00	26 Feb	1777	Balto.	
6.00	20 May	1777	Phila	
5.00	9 May	1776	Phila	
3.00	20 May	1777	Phila	
6.00	10 May	1775	Phila	
6.00	29 Nov	1775	Phila	
5.00	26 Sep.	1778	Phila.	
4.00	29 Nov.	1775	Phila	
3.00	26 Feb	1775	Balto.	
2.00	10 May	1775	Phila	
2.00	22 July	1776	Phila	
1.00	14 Jan	1779	"	
2.00	17 Feb	1776	Phila ✓	N+S
2.00	26 Feb.	1777	Balto. ✓	N+S
2.00	~~May 20~~	1777	Phila ✓	N+S
2.00	May 20	1777	Phila ✓	
1.00	29 Nov	1775	Phila ✓	N+S
1.00	29 Nov	1775	" ✓	N+S

67.00

1/2 doc	Feb 17	1776	Phila ✓	H+S
1/2 doc	"	"	" ✓	H+S
1/6 doc	Feb 17.	1776	" ✓	H+S
1/6 doc	"	"	" ✓	H+S
2/3 doc	Feb 17	1776	Phila ✓	H+S
2/3 "	"	"	" ✓	H+S
1/3 "	Feb 17	1776	Phila ✓	H+S
1/3 "	"	"	" ✓	H+S
1/3 "	"	"	" ✓	H+S

End of First part of Album - U.S. Dollars.

$5.00
$7.00
$8.00
$20.00

$40.00

State of Rhode-Island
and Providence Plantations

2nd July 1780

5	3.00	Annapolis. Md.	1st Mar 1770
	4.00	"	" 10th Ap. 1774
	4.00	"	" 1st Mar 1770
	2.00	"	" 10th Ap. 1774
	$\frac{2}{3}$	"	1st Mar. MDCCLXX (1790)

State of Rhode-Island
and Providence Plantations

	4.00	- 2nd July	1780
	3.00	" "	1780
11	2.00	" -	1780
	1.00	" "	1780

State of Rhode Island

£3.00 May 1786 Newport

40s.
30s.
20s.
10s.
6s.
5s.
3s.
2s.6d.
1s.0.
9d.

12

Printed by
Southwick & Barber.

State of New-Hampshire

29th Ap. 1780

Two	$1.00	2.00
	$2.00	2.00
Four	$3.00	12.00
Three	$4.00	12.00
Two	$5.00	10.00
	$7.00	7.00
	$8.00	8.00
	$20.00	20.00
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All canal-hotel

	3d.		
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	7d		
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	1s. 0d		
Two	1s. 3d.	Hartford July 1	1780
	2s 0d		
	2s 6d	Hartford July 1	1775
	3s 0d.		
Four	5s 0d	Hartford. June 19	1776
Two	10s. 0d.		1780
Four	20s. 0d.	N. London March	1780 Pitt by Timothy Green.
	40s. 0d.	New London March	1780

	6d.		
Two	1s 3d.		
	2s. 0d		
Two	5s 0d		
	10s 0d		
	20s 0d		
Two	40s 0d	New London July 1st	1780 -

12s 0d Mar 25 1776 Geo III

30s 0d.

£3.0.0 Mar 25 1776

£6.0.0 " "

Massachusetts-Bay

3s. 0d.

4s. 0d.

4s. 6d. 18 Oct 1784

36s. 0d. Dec. 7th 1775

Eight $1.00. 2ifth May 1780

Six $2.00

Four $3.00

Two. $4.00

$5.00

$7.00

Six $8.00

$30.00 (bounterfeit)

9d.

2s 0d.

12s 0d

16s 0d.

20s 0d. 2ifth Oct 1773 Phila.

Five £5.0.0 Penna 10th April 1775 Printed B Franklin & D. Hall 1759

£4.0.0.

£3.00.(60/-) 1769 Pa: D Hall & W Sellers

Four £2.10.0 (50/-)

Two £2.0.0 (40/-)

Twenty £1.0.0 (20/-)

Five 16.0d

Fifteen 15.0d

Two 14.0d

Eighteen 10.0d

8.0d

Four 6.0d

Sixteen 5.0d

Four 4.0d

Two 3.0d

Thirteen 2s. 6d.

Fifteen 2s 0d.

Eleven 1s. 6d

Seven 1s 0d

Eight 9d.

Nine 6d.

Ten 3d

NEW JERSEY

Three £6.0.0 Sep. 12 1760.

Five £3.0.0. Six — 1s 6d. June 22 1756

Four £1.10.0. Six 1s 0d

Nine 15.0 6d.

Seven 12.0

Four 6.0

Five 3.0

New-Castle, Kent + Sussex-6 counties. DELAWARE
May 21 1760.

Two	£2.0.0	(Forty Shillings)
Eleven	£1 0.0.	(Twenty Shillings)
Six	15s. 0d.	
Six	10s. 0d.	
	6s. 0d.	
Four	5s. 0d.	
Three	4s. 0d.	
Three	2s. 6d.	
	2s. 0d.	
Three	1s. 6d.	
Two	1s. 0d.	

MARYLAND

Seven	$8.00	1st March 1770
Five	$6.00	
Six	$4.00	
Seven	$2 00.	4 other dates
Six	$1.00	
Five	2/3rds $.	
Five	½ $	
Six	⅓ $	
Two	⅙ $	
Four	2/9 $	
Four	⅑ $	
One	$10.00	

February 15, 1966

The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

Attention: Mrs. Gail Belden

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 1966, giving me the list of your early American paper money holdings. There are a few items I am particularly interested in knowing more about. You have listed under Massachusetts Bay a $30 note which is counterfeit. I would like to see a photocopy of this note if it is not a $20 note, which I suspect it is.

I would also like to examine any of your Delaware pieces other than the 1776 or 1777 issues.

You seem to have an enormous quantity of Pennsylvania but they are not divided by issues and if you care to send these to us for study we believe we could point out some very interesting features with respect to them.

Please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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WINTERTHUR

February 18, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We will be happy to look up the Massachusetts Bay note listed by Mr. Dobbs as counterfeit and send you a photocopy. Also, we will set ourselves to listing the collection so that we can take advantage of your kind offer to study the Pennsylvania and the Delaware currency.

Mrs. Charles Wood, the librarian of the Joseph Downs Manuscript and Microfilm Collection, of which the currency is a part, has your letter and will try to begin work on its suggestions immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Louise C. Belden

(Mrs. Gail Belden)
Assistant Curator

LCB:jm

June 22, 1966

Mrs. Gail Belden, Assistant Curator
Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Belden:

Thank you, very much, for the schedule of the Colonial paper money which you were nice enough to send us.

There is one item which I would very much like to have a Xerox copy of as promptly as possible as it should be included in my book which is in galley proof at this time. It is Item No.139, August, 1776, New Jersey 6 pence.

Certainly, you have some very scarce pieces in the group, particularly the 1744 Pennsylvania item.

As long as you are taking a Xerox of the New Jersey piece, I would appreciate a Xerox of the 36 shilling Massachusetts piece of December, 1775, as this is probably a counterfeit.

Your Delaware collection seems to be nice and if there are any pieces from 1746 through 1758 which are in very nice condition I might be able to improve my illustrations in my forthcoming book.

I will keep your holdings on record along with the holdings of many other institutions and private collectors so that it is always available to the public.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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WINTERTHUR

June 27, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The currency you ask for is, unfortunately, being "mounted." It should be returned this week, however. As soon as it arrives, we will send it to you with the hope that it will be in time.

Sincerely yours,

Gail C. Belden

(Mrs. Gail Belden)
Assistant Curator

LCB:jm

July 28, 1966

Mrs. Gail Belden, Assistant Curator
The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Belden:

Just a note to follow up on the currency matter under previous correspondence. Your letter of June 27,1966 indicates it was to be returned that week.

Would you be nice enough to look into the matter as I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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